

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/619,818

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John T. Haran

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1733

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/1/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-14 and 21-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                 |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>10/6/05</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                        |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David LaRose on 10/6/05.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In The Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-10 and 15-20.

In claim 11 change the status identifier to - - (Original) - -.

In claim 12 change the status identifier to - - (Original) - -.

In claim 13 change the status identifier to - - (Original) - -.

In claim 14 change the status identifier to - - (Original) - -.

4. Claims 11-14 and 21-24 are allowed. It is noted that claims 11-14 have been rejoined.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 11, the prior art of record fails to suggest the claimed method for attaching a synthetic filter to a filter tower frame in an ink jet printer cartridge using the claimed filter clamping fixture, particularly having a laser beam transparent plate.

Regarding claim 21, the prior art of record fails to suggest the claimed method for attaching a synthetic filter to a polymeric filter frame, particularly using a laser beam transparent plate as the pressure source.

Anderson et al (US 2002/0191058) teaches laser welding a filter to a tower frame (paragraphs 0006 and 0010), but provides no suggestion of using the claimed filter clamping fixture or providing pressure with a laser beam transparent plate.

Fang et al (U.S. Patent 5,049,720) teaches laser welding plastic materials together by pressing the materials together into intimate contact, directing a near infrared laser beam through a transparent plastic material to an opaque (absorbent) plastic material, which absorbs the laser beam and melts and causes the transparent plastic material to melt so the two become intermixed and are welded together upon cooling (Column 2, lines 9-14 and 26-27 and Column 2, line 65 to Column 3, line 8). Fang teaches a laser transparent window in the pressing device but does not suggest the claimed filter clamping fixture or providing pressure directly with a laser beam transparent plate.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John T. Haran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1217. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (8 - 5) and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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